Short Takes

FRESH FACES

The Harris County Medical Society Alliance recently installed its 2001 officers. Pictured from left to right are Harris County Medical Society President Dr. Michael E. Speer; HCMS Alliance 2000 President Mary Lou Castillo; HCMS Alliance 2001 President Germania Sitomer; and Dr. Charles I. Sitomer.



Established in 1919, the HCMS Alliance is comprised of the spouses of HCMS members. Its objectives are to engage in educational and philanthropic activities while fostering fellowship. The HCMS, established in 1903, is the professional association for physicians and medical students in Harris County. It is the largest county medical society in the nation with 8,900 members. Its mission is to promote the highest standards of ethical and medical practice to the benefit of the community and to serve as an advocate for its physicians and their patients.



NEW NURSE

Eyitemi Sarah Igbe is pinned by her mother and grandmother at Texas Woman's University's College of Nursing pinning ceremony, a tradition in which new nursing graduates are recognized for their achievements. The ceremony signifies graduates' entry into the nursing profession.



LADY OF THE DANCE

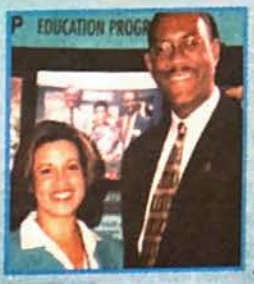
Mary Walsh, the Texas champion for Irish dancing, and her fellow students from the fifth grade class of Corpus Christi Catholic School perform for patients and staff at The Methodist Hospital's Rehabilitation Center.

DIVINE DONATIONS

Houston's religious community recently united during National Donor Sabbath to increase awareness about the critical need for organ and tissue donation. National Donor Sabbath is supported by LifeGift Organ Donation Center and the Division of Transplantation, Health Resources and Services Administration. Currently, more than 72,500 patients are on the transplant waiting list in the United States.



Rev. Roberto Robinson, Sr., who received a liver transplant in January of 1998, and his wife, Diann, encouraged members of the Metropolitan CME Church to consider organ donation.



Trazanna Halstead, KPRC Channel 2 reporter, commended Dr. Roland B. Smith for his volunteer work with Lifegift Organ Donation Center. Dr. Smith's daughter, Rovelle, recently received a kidney and pancreas transplant.

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